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FOLLOWING BOGOTA 1175 SENT ACTION SECSTATE FEB 3; REPEATED
TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 1175

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DESIRED DISTRIBUTION; FOR ARA ASST SEC ROGERS
FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, YHNRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP

REF: ROGERS/VAKY TELCON

1. BOTH LIEVANO AND LOPEZ ARE SINCERELY DELIGHTED
AND PLEASED WITH POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY'S VISIT
FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FEBRUARY 22 TO 23. THEY LOOK
FORWARD TO THE VISIT.

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2. PRESIDENT LOPEZ SUGGESTS THAT UPON ARRIVAL, YOU,

THE SECRETARY AND ME AND SUCH MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY AS HE MAY WANT, GO TO HATO GRANDE WHICH IS PRESIDENTIAL COUNTRY HOME ABOUT 45 MINUTES DRIVE FROM CENTER OF CITY (WHERE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE SPENDING THE WEEK-END). THIS IS COLOMBIA'S CAMP DAVID. THE IDEA WOULD BE THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD SPEND THE NIGHT THERE GIVING THE PRESIDENT A CHANCE FOR LEISURELY AND FRANK CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM. THERE COULD THEN BE FURTHER TALKS WITH LIEVANO THE NEXT DAY EITHER AT HATO GRANDE OR IN BOGOTA. I SAID TO LIEVANO THAT I WOULD PASS THIS SUGGESTION ON BUT THAT I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE SECRETARY'S REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE. SINCE THERE WAS A NEED TO BE IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH WASHINGTON, IT MIGHT BE MORE FEASIBLE TO REMAIN IN THE CITY FOR THAT PURPOSE. I PROMISED TO LET HIM KNOW. IF IT IS AT ALL FEASIBLE, THE HATO GRANDE STAY WOULD BE A VERY NICE FORMAT FOR FRANK TALKS (THE SECURITY WILL ALSO BE EASIER THERE); BUT I THINK THAT THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND ANY DIFFERENT REQUIREMENT ON OUR PART.

3. I AM TO CONFIRM THE VISIT TO LIEVANO. MAY I DO SO?

VAKY UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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